

Amendments to the Specification

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 3, line 31 with the following amended paragraph:

The described apparatus 10 can be used universally, namely in all plants and apparatuses suitable for processing meat. Particularly preferred is the use of the apparatus 10 in an overall apparatus for processing meat, as described, for example, in DE 199 81 456.2. From Fig. 1 an apparatus 10, or parts thereof, emerges, consisting essentially of a transport element 11 for transporting the meat through the apparatus 10 in the transport direction (according to arrow T) from a processing or input station connection upstream (not illustrated) to a processing or output station arranged downstream (likewise not illustrated), a cutting element 12 for cutting and/or trimming the meat, a counter-surface 13 for cutting element 12 and at least one control and/or regulating apparatus 40(~~not shown~~), wherein the control and/or regulating apparatus is in functional connection with the cutting element 12. Apparatuses 10 of this kind serve for processing meat of all kinds, the description below relating as an example to the processing of fish or fish fillets.